

A photograph of a young man with short dark hair and a beard, wearing a dark t-shirt with a red and white graphic, sitting at a desk in a classroom. He is looking to his right, and his hands are resting on a stack of papers. Other students are blurred in the background.

LEGAL STUDIES

MASSBAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ACADEMY VIEWBOOK



LEGAL STUDIES ACADEMY FIND YOUR FUTURE IN LAW OR CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Academies

At MassBay, we have more than 70 degree and certificate programs, which is a lot to choose from. To make your choice easier, we have grouped all of our programs into seven “Academies,” each of which represents a broad area of study. When you choose a program, you also will be a member of an Academy. Think of your Academy as a community of professors and students who share your interests and goals.





The Academy Advantage

The opportunity to explore many certificate or degree programs to create your best future

Allows you to focus your efforts and time

Membership in a community of learners where students and faculty support one another

A dedicated advisor who will help you develop a plan to achieve your goals and guide you along the way

MassBay Quick Facts:

25% of MassBay students transfer to four-year universities to continue their education

MassBay has more than 4,500 full- and part-time students

More than 70 associate and certificate programs offered through seven Academies

Small class sizes, averaging 17 students per class

Twenty student clubs, seven athletic teams, and multiple opportunities for leadership

Half of MassBay students receive financial aid



EXPLORE LEGAL STUDIES

Is the Legal Studies Academy a good choice for you? Consider these questions:

Are you fascinated by law and justice?

Do you ever wonder what it is like to be a police officer? To work in a jail?

Are you captivated by crime shows and courtroom dramas?

Are you interested in a career in law, government, or law enforcement?

If you answered **YES** to any of these questions, read on to learn more about our popular associate degree and certificate options!



Job opportunities for Legal Studies graduates are growing rapidly.

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development projects an 18% growth in paralegal jobs between 2012 and 2022. In fact, the Boston-Cambridge-Quincy metro area ranks in the top 10 nationally for paralegal employment.

There are multiple career paths for criminal justice majors from police, security, and correction officers to courtroom positions such as bailiffs, clerks, and reporters to crime scene investigator positions, and more. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects 7% growth for all of these occupations between 2016 and 2026.

Legal Studies Academy

Associate Degree Options

Associate degree programs can be completed in two years of full-time study and will prepare you to either seek employment in the field or enter a four-year college in your junior year.

Criminal Justice

This program combines professional coursework (Introduction to Criminal Justice, Criminal Law and Procedures, Juvenile Offenders), with a broad background in liberal arts to ensure the seamless transfer of credits toward a four-year degree. The program is approved as a Police Career Incentive Program by the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education.

Paralegal Studies

This program will train you to prepare and draft legal documents, research legal issues, interview clients and witnesses, and provide procedural assistance in law-related matters. A hands-on experience working in a law firm is included in the curriculum. Our paralegal studies classes are all online, providing students with the opportunity to choose their schedule.



Legal Studies Academy Certificate Program Options

Certificate programs focus on building specific skills without requiring the general academic coursework required for an associate degree. Certificates take less than two years to complete

Paralegal Studies

This program provides a solid foundation in all aspects of the field including litigation, legal research, and writing. Electives enable you to build knowledge in specialty areas such as real estate, family law, business law and trusts, and estate planning. This program is offered completely online to provide students with a flexible learning schedule.




Our Legal Studies Academy programs will help you do great things!

Graduates of our criminal justice and paralegal programs have gone on to work for the Boston Police Department, other law enforcement agencies, pursued advanced degrees in law, and found immediate employment as paralegal professionals in law practices, corporations, and government agencies.

Many graduates have also chosen to continue their education, pursuing bachelor's degree at four-year universities including:

- Boston University
- Boston College
- Framingham State University
- Northeastern University
- Southern New Hampshire University
- Suffolk University
- UMass Amherst
- UMass Boston
- UMass Lowell



A photograph of a man with a beard and short dark hair, wearing a blue polo shirt, sitting at a desk in a classroom. He is looking off to the side with a thoughtful expression. His hands are clasped on the desk in front of him. A spiral-bound notebook is open on the desk. The background is slightly blurred, showing other students and a classroom setting. The entire image has a semi-transparent green overlay.

“Every professor I have had so far really, really cares about me, and my success as a student. I also appreciate the real-world experience that so many of them bring to the classroom.”

*- Christopher Foremny, U.S. Veteran,
AS Criminal Justice, 2019*



“Like all professors at MassBay, I love seeing our students achieve the goals they have set for themselves. The reward for our efforts happens when they make the effort to come back and visit or send us a note about a career they’ve started or a promotion they received. Their success is a great testament to our Academy—and school’s—applied learning approach.”

- Jason Mazaik, Professor





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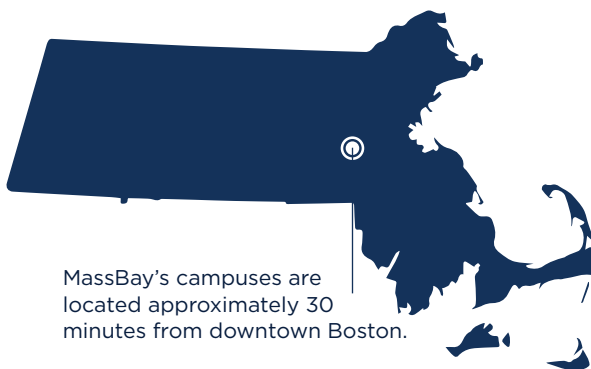
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